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In re Application of:

AKIRA HIGETA, ET AL.

Appln. No. 09/695,868

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Examiner: Quana M. Grainger

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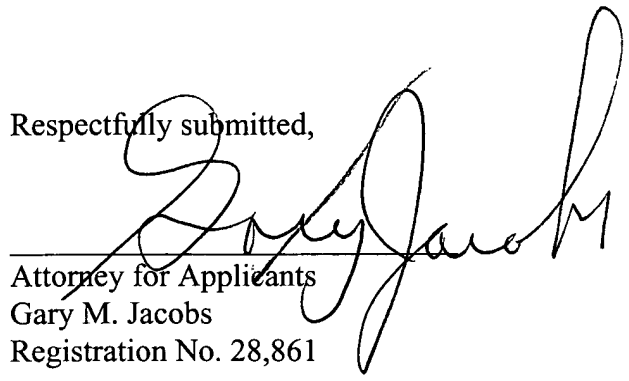
Request for Issuance of New Action

Sir:

The October 3, 2002 Office Action provisionally rejects Claims 1 and 5 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1 and 2 of co-pending Application No. 09/696,309. But the June 13, 2002 Amendment in co-pending Application No. 09/696,309 canceled Claims 1 and 2, a Notice of Allowance issued on July 3, 2002 without canceled Claims 1 and 2, and the Issue Fee was paid on September 30, 2002. Thus, the basis for rejecting Claims 1 and 5 no longer exists. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner clarify the status of Claims 1 and 5 by issuing a new Office Action either allowing these claims or rejecting these claims on another basis.

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